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Entire Stock of High-grade Cravenette Raincoats and Mackintoshes Sacrificed at Less Than Cost.

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APPROPRIATE XMAS GIFTS.

Goods selected now will be laid aside Upon Payment of a small deposit.

Cravenettes for Men.		Cravenettes for Women.	
Men's \$7.00 Raincoats, latest styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$1.70	Ladies' \$9.50 Raincoats in the latest styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$2.25
Men's \$8.00 Raincoats; newest cut styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$2.50	Ladies' \$12.00 Cravenette Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$3.50
Men's \$9.75 Raincoats, single and double breasted, plain linings. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$3.25	Ladies' \$16.50 High-grade Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$5.25
Men's \$12.00 Raincoats; excellent cloths and styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$4.50	Ladies' \$20.00 High-grade Cravenette Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$6.75
Men's \$13.00 Raincoats, very handsome. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$5.25	Ladies' \$23.50 Cravenettes, in twenty different styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$8.00
Men's \$19.00 Genuine Cravenette Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$7.75	Ladies' \$25.00 Sewell Cravenette Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$9.00
Men's \$22.00 and \$25.00 Raincoats; very handsome and stylish. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$9.00	Ladies' Priestley Cravenettes; exclusive styles; \$28.75 values. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$11.00
Men's \$28.00 Sattin-lined Cravenette Raincoats in gray, tan or black. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$10.95	The very highest grade of Ladies' Priestley Cravenettes. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$12.20
The Very Latest Grade Raincoats made for men; silk lined. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$12.25	Boys' and Girls' Raincoats with long cape; \$3.00 and \$4.00 values. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$1.25
Men's \$25 and \$30 Paddock Raincoats			\$9.00
\$35 and \$40 Ladies' Silk Raincoats			\$11.50

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED. WHEN ORDERING, SEND CHEST AND HEIGHT MEASUREMENT.

GOODYEAR RAINCOAT CO.,

506 Ninth Street N. W., Between E and F Streets.

Where the Xmas Dollar Goes Farthest.

Store Open Late Until Christmas. **BON MARCHE** All Goods Appropriately Boxed.

Suits, Cloaks and Furs Are Now Selling at January Prices.

We started the Great Clearance Sales early this year, cutting deep into all the goods of all departments, giving you the advantage of the lowest prices you'll find anywhere in the city for choice of finest

Tailored Suits, Evening Wraps, Costumes, and the New Coats. Furs.

All Appropriate for Gifts at a Saving of From 25 to 50%

SWEATERS AND BLOUSES REDUCED.

All Styles and Colors.

69c. for \$1.50 Kinds. \$1.25 for \$2.00 Kinds. \$1.98 for \$2.98 Kinds. \$3.00 for \$4.00 Kinds.

Xmas Ribbons Reduced.

All-silk Satin Taffeta and Gros Grain Ribbons, 3 to 3 1/2 inches wide, white and colors, used for fancy work. Worth 15c. to 10c. yard.

10c. Yard.

All-silk Satin Gros Grain Nos. 7, 9, 12, in white, green and all the wanted colors. Worth 8c. to 12c. yard. Every day this week at

5c. Yard.

All-silk Ribbons in fancy weaves, white, light blue, pink and red, Nos. 2 and 3. Worth 10c. yard. Every day this week.

5c. Yard.

Fancy All-silk Ribbon, white, pink, light blue and red, No. 1 1/2. Worth 55c. piece.

39c. Piece.

Fancy All-silk Ribbons, all colors, No. 1; 10-yard pieces worth 39c. piece.

19c. Piece.

No. 1 Baby Ribbon, in all colors; 50-yard spools. Special Xmas price—

35c. Spool.

Children's Coats Reduced.

Lot extraordinary Children's Double-breasted coats, 1 to 6-year sizes; white bear-skin, with deep rolling collar. Worth \$4.00.

At \$2.66.

Big assortment of the higher grades in curly bearskin; thibet, astrakhan, cheviot and serge; all colors; 1 to 6 years. Worth \$8.50.

At \$4.96.

Special Sale Sample Petticoats.

There are 340 Fine Sample Petticoats in this special purchase, including moreen, sateen and jersey-top styles, with moire and sateen flounces. Strictly tailor made.

59c. for 89c. Kinds. \$1.44 for \$2.00 Kinds. 79c. for \$1.00 Kinds. \$1.94 for \$3.00 Kinds.

Xmas Kimona Sale.

Ladies' Accordion-pleated and Shirred Silk Kimonas, daintily trimmed in lace and Ribbons. Worth up to \$10.00.

Ladies' Full-length Silk Kimonas, in all the new colorings; floral designs, with solid color borders.

Choice of Both Lots, \$4.98.

Bon Marche 314-318 Seventh St. Bon Marche

Joseph Hector Carruthers, premier of New South Wales, has entered a strongly worded protest against any interference on the part of the Imperial commonwealth in the rights of the state governments in state affairs.

Messrs. Poindester & Berkeley, attorneys of Roanoke, Va., have been retained by John Hardy, colored, slayer of Policeman Beard, to take his case to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Henry Schaub of Froburg, Md., died at his home Monday night, aged 94 years. He was born in Meisungburg, Hassen, and came to this country when young, locating at first in Baltimore.

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Two Matters Said to Be of Absorbing Interest.

MENTION OF GREENE BILL

Regarded as Likely to Bring About Investigation.

PERSONNEL OF OFFICE FORCE

Report of Committee May be Presented at Meeting Tomorrow—

Superintendent of Property.

Two matters are of particular interest to the members of the board of education, the superintendent of public instruction and other public school officials at present. One, so far as the board of education and especially Superintendent Chancelor are concerned, is the Greene bill before the House of Representatives, which is regarded as likely to bring about a thorough and critical review of school affairs for the past five months. The other is the question of how the business of the board of education at the Franklin building shall be conducted.

It is expected that Capt. Oyster, chairman of the investigating committee, will present the committee's report at the meeting of the board tomorrow afternoon. Difference of opinion is said to exist as regards the question.

Since his return from the south, where he spent about two weeks visiting colored educational institutions, Superintendent Chancelor has repeatedly and consistently declined to see a representative of The Star who has been desirous of learning his views on the Greene bill and other matters.

Refrain From Discussing the Bill. Members of the board of education have pretty generally refrained from discussing for publication provisions of the Greene bill and the probable attitude of Congress, although they have said a few things that have indicated uneasiness.

That bill is all right," he said to a Star reporter today, "except that it is a little too sweeping. I am going to see Mr. Greene and try to fix up a bill that will straighten out these little matters without being too far-reaching in its intent. I believe in trials and all that sort of thing, and so, you see, I agree with Mr. Greene on that point."

The office question has been more freely discussed by members of the board. Rumor has it that the superintendent would like to see changes in the personnel of the force.

Capt. Oyster is unwilling to say what the report of the committee is to be, admitting that it is likely to be presented at tomorrow's meeting of the board. He intimated, however, that changes will be recommended for the purpose of putting the office on a better business basis if possible.

Mrs. Terrell, a member of the investigating committee, on the other hand, said to a Star reporter that there will be no changes in the office force on recommendation by the committee, and declared that the report may not be prepared for the meeting tomorrow.

Present Force in Favor. For the most part, it is said, the members of the board favor the present personnel of the office, although admitting the existence of room for improvement in the methods employed and the necessity for more clerks.

"I am satisfied with present conditions in the office on the whole," Admiral Baird said. "I have been very quietly making a few improvements in matters of detail here and there, and things are running along pretty smoothly. I see no reason for change in the personnel."

"One of the things I have done is to cut down the number of clerks that are being written, thereby reducing the amount of labor and disencumbering the office."

"Under the old board it was the custom for the secretary in writing to a teacher, to make four copies of each letter and send one to the superintendent, the supervising principal and the teacher. In addition to filing one himself, I now have a secretary write merely one letter, with a copy, and send it over the desk of the proper officials. Similar correspondence reforms are being instituted with good effect."

When asked for his views regarding the office force, Mr. Cox said he had not seen the report of the committee and did not know what form it would take, but he was not convinced that any change in the personnel was advisable.

Not Enough Clerks. "I do think," Mr. Cox remarked, "that the clerical force is too small—much too small. It would not be tolerated in any private business establishment of the same size. The information furnished by the committee will doubtless disclose whether any improvement can be made in the methods. I think the schools should have a storehouse for supplies from which supplies could be properly distributed."

Mr. Cook was at the Franklin building today, and he, too, was asked what he thought of the rumor in regard to the office force.

"I have come in contact with the employees in the office a good many times," he replied, "and have been treated in an accommodating manner."

Miss Edna K. Bushie, attendance officer for the white schools, in a report to the president of the board of education submitted today says that 461 cases have been reported and that 900 visits have been made. A total of 217 children have been entered as a result of the visits.

The death of G. B. Coleman, superintendent of repairs in the schools, which occurred a week ago last Friday, left a vacancy in that position, which is soon to be filled. A meeting of the janitors was held last evening and it was decided to endorse for the place W. J. Conline, who has been janitor of the Western High School for many years and who is said to have a thorough knowledge of repairing school buildings and equipment.

WILL VISIT THE ISTHMUS.

Conference of Pacific Coast Members.

The Pacific coast members of Congress held a meeting today at the Capitol and decided to continue Representatives Kahn, McKinlay and Hamilton's visit to California, as a special committee to look after all legislation concerning the Japanese. This committee will attend all hearings and will confer with the various Pacific coast state delegations as to any legislation which may be deemed advisable concerning the Japanese, California, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico were represented at today's meeting.

The Pacific coast members finally decided today to have a delegation visit the Panama canal during the holidays and investigate the demand there for Chinese laborers. A special party will leave New York on the Panama railway steamer Alliance Friday.

Those who will go are Senator Flint of California, Senator Hayden of Oregon, Representative Kowell of Utah and Representatives McKinlay, Smith, Knowland and Needham, all of California.

Proposed radical action on the Japanese school question was abandoned, as a majority of the parties to the conference were inclined to a conservative course at the outset.

Death of Fritz Sontag. CHICAGO, December 18.—Fritz Sontag, president of the Grand Pacific Hotel Company, and one of the most prominent German-Americans in Chicago, died yesterday from a complication of diseases. For the last year Mr. Sontag, who was sixty years old, had been in poor health.



Saks & Company

This store will remain open late every evening until Christmas. But shop in the daytime if you possibly can.



The Special Sale of Men's and Young Men's Winter Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats at \$10 for qualities worth \$12.50 and \$15.00

is a further evidence of good faith on our part to live up to our pledge to sell the best clothing that can possibly be had at \$10.00—to sell as good clothing at \$10.00 as other stores sell at \$12.50. But this time we are fortunate in being able to exceed our promise, by offering Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats at \$10.00 that are worth as high as \$15.00. It is a splendid opportunity to do some very sensible gift buying.

Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats in new and wanted fabrics—plain and fancy effects. They are correctly fashioned and are unusually well tailored. Models for the dressy as well as the conservative man.

Men's \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50 Fancy Vests at \$2.35

You must thank the rain yesterday that there are any left—and that we can call your attention to them again. The styles are the newest and the fabrics are the kinds in highest favor with men. Even the downpour didn't prevent a good many being sold yesterday for Christmas gifts. Sizes 33 to 44 inches.

Plenty of Slippers for Holiday Gifts

More kinds than ever before—and more of each kind—for men, women and children. But that's no reason why you should put off buying till the last moment. The advantage of buying right now is that you do have the greatest variety to select from—NOW. This is but a hint of the kinds and the prices:



Women's Boudoir Slippers of kid or suede leather, in many colors, finished with silk pompons—\$1.00. Women's Crochet Slippers in a variety of colors—50 cents. Women's Kimono Slippers in fluffy birds' nest effects, and in different colors, finished with silk pompons—\$1.00. Women's Fur-trimmed Felt Slippers in red or black—\$1.00. Women's Bath Slippers of Terry cloth to match the bath robe—75 cents. Women's Black Evening Slippers in several new styles—\$2.00. Men's Bath Slippers in novelty and Oriental effects—\$1.00. Men's Kid Slippers in all the most popular styles and leathers—\$1.50. Men's Novelty Kid Slippers in a number of new and pleasing effects—\$2.00. Boys' and Youths' Slippers in Opera and Romeo cut, of black or tan kid—\$1.25. Little Boys' Slippers—just like father wears. In red or tan kid, Opera cut—85 cents. Children's Felt Slippers in red, blue or gray; made with felt soles, and noiseless—65 cents.

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets for Gifts

Each day the choice grows narrower. Yet we show three times the variety of any other store in town—the choicest and most carefully selected showing that you could find in a day's journey. And extra values crowd each other almost off the tables. Let's look at just two of them:

Men's Smoking Jackets Special at \$5.00

Fashioned in the newest double-faced fabrics, in blue, maroon, Oxford gray and green; handsome plaid and striped effects, with the patterns showing on lapels, cuffs and pockets; finished with silk binding and silk frogs.

Men's Blanket Bath Robes Special at \$4.75

A new arrival hurried forward to be in time for the holiday selling. They come in very good patterns, and in a variety of tasteful colorings. All have the usual girdle, of course. Better built bath robes than \$4.75 usually buys.

Haberdashery for Holiday Gifts to Men

If you are the least bit at a loss to know what to give, this Haberdashery shop will help you with any number of suggestions of a most practical sort. And you can suit the price to your purse. For instance:

Neckwear.....25c to \$2.00
Handkerchiefs.....15c to 1.50
Mufflers.....\$1.00 to 4.00
Gloves—of wool.....25c to 1.00
of skin.....\$1.00 to 5.00
Suspenders.....25c to 4.00
Shirts.....\$1.00 to 3.00
Half Hose.....25c to 2.50

Garters.....25c and 50c
Underwear, a garment.....50c to \$5.00
Pajamas.....\$1.00 to 12.00
Night Shirts.....50c to 5.00
Collars, a dozen.....\$1.50 and 2.75
Cuff Links.....25c to 5.00
Scarf Pins.....25c to 5.00
Full-dress Shields.....\$1.00 to 3.50

And we might also mention a few of the special values:

\$8.00 Cowhide Traveling Bags.....\$5.00
\$7.00 Sterling-trimmed Silk Umbrellas.....\$5.00
\$3.00 Sterling-trimmed Umbrellas.....\$2.00
\$1.50 Black Silk Full-dress Shields.....\$1.00

\$1.50 Suspenders; sterling silver buckles.....\$1.00
50c Black Silk Lisle Half Hose.....25c
\$1.00 English Folded Squares.....50c
\$1.50 Black, White and Fancy Mufflers.....\$1.00

Don't Overlook the Sample Sale of Furs at One-third to One-half Off Regular Prices

\$2.50 to \$45.00 Fur Caps—special at \$1.65 to \$25.00
\$2.00 to \$45.00 Fur Gloves—special at \$1.00 to \$25.00
\$3.00 to \$25.00 Fur Collars—special at \$1.75 to \$12.50

Penna. Ave. **Saks & Company** Seventh St.

PLOT TO GET BONDS.

Sensation Sprung in 'Frisco Traction Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—Starting testimony was given by Rudolph Spreckels yesterday in the proceedings before Superior Judge Dunne, in which Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef are seeking to set aside the five indictments found against each of them for felony extortion.

Spreckels, who had been called to the witness stand by the defense, testified during his examination that Abraham Ruef had called on him at the time of the big municipal bond issue and asked him to form a syndicate to take all the bonds thus authorized. Spreckels was unable to see what guarantee there was that if a syndicate were formed it could secure the bonds, as

under the law they must be put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder.

Ruef informed Spreckels, according to his testimony on the stand, that this could be easily arranged, for he would have a general strike declared on all the street railroads and tie up the different lines. With San Francisco in this condition relative to its passenger transportation he calculated, so Spreckels says, that no outside capital would bid on the city's bonds, and the syndicate would have a clear field.

Spreckels also testified from the witness chair that Ruef called on him and made a demand that he be retained as the attorney of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company.

Ashesto Rest in Scotland.

OAKLAND, Cal., December 18.—The body of Sir John Lang, Scottish member of parliament, who died at Monterey last Wednesday, was cremated at the Oakland crematorium Sunday. It was his wish to have his

body cremated and the ashes taken back to his native country, and accordingly Lady Lang and her daughter will leave tomorrow for Scotland, carrying with them the funeral urn.

BISHOP McCABE SINKING.

Unconscious and End is Momentarily Expected.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Bishop C. C. McCabe of Philadelphia, suffering from a recent attack of apoplexy, continued this forenoon in the same precarious condition as last night. At the hospital it was said he was very low, but that he might live through the day.

Shortly after noon Bishop McCabe was gradually sinking. He had not regained consciousness and it was believed he might pass away at any time.